



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES ARMY

COL H. CHARLES HODGES, JR.

Joint Base Commander

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington

Colonel H. Charles Hodges Jr (“Chuck”) began his military career in the summer of 1985 when he enlisted in the Florida National Guard as an 11B Infantryman. After being commissioned as an Infantry Officer and Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Central Florida (UCF) he completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School and Ranger School. He was then assigned to Germany and 3-5 Cavalry in the 3rd Armored Division. While there he participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After returning from Germany and completing the required military schooling, he commanded A Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (ASSLT) in the Republic of Korea; and Company H, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) in Arlington, Virginia.



After being promoted to Major, he attended the Department of Defense Public Affairs Officer Course and American University. Upon graduation he served in the Training with Industry Program at Edelman Public Relations in Washington, DC; and as the Chief of Media Relations in the Military District of Washington.

In 2001-2002, COL Hodges attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and was then assigned to Fort Lewis, where he served as a Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer in 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry, (Tomahawks); and as the Operations Officer of 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team. While there, he was part of the team that certified the Army’s first Stryker Brigade Combat Team and deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, he served as the Chair of the Military Science Department at Duke University. In 2007, he returned to Fort Lewis and took command of 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team. He commanded the battalion for three years, and he deployed it to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After command, he was selected to serve as the Director of Training, G3, for I Corps. After attending the United States Army War College, Colonel Hodges took command of Joint Base Lewis-McChord in August of 2012.

Colonel Hodges holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, and Master’s Degree in Instructional Systems Design from the University of Central Florida; a Master’s Degree in Strategic Communications from American University; and a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Colonel Hodges is a 6th generation Floridian who enjoys kayaking, college and fantasy football, gaming, the UFC, watching his daughter play fast pitch softball, and camping with his son. He is a student of politics and military history.